

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Samuel M. Shaolian, et al.	§	Docket No.:	31132.872 / P0021404.02
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

**I. Introductory Remarks**

The present paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2009 and the Advisory Action mailed September 11, 2009 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

No fees, other than those included herewith for the RCE, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any other fees, including extension of time fees, are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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**Remarks** begin on page 6.